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Racing Firm To Try Again For Airport Site

Pioneer Valley Raceway Inc., the same firm that withdrew plans to renovate Bowles Airport in April, has again filed with the state racing commission to bring fall and winter racing to the Agawam site.

A King Ploy

According to a State House spokesman, a recently signed bill by Governor Edward King that extends the deadline for racing date applications is also a "ploy" to provide state racing commissioners the power to circumvent local authorities.

"The people in Agawam should be very wary of that bill passed through the legislature. There is a strong racing lobby here and some of that group supported King during his election bid. People are really going to come and bring racing in unless local authorities and residents come forth in strong protest," the spokesman said.

The state commission has set up a public hearing for August 20 to hear proposals that would renovate and enclose the outdoor facility for harness racing from October 21 to December 31. The hearing, slated for the Agawam Junior High School, will be conducted by the state agency.

Community Opposed

Public support in the community remains emphatically opposed to both the new Pioneer Valley Inc. move and the legislative bill that appears to usurp local authority.

State Racing Commissioner Paul Walsh stated that a verdict by his agency on the proposal will be based on the notion that town fathers legally approved dog racing at the old track back in the 1930's. Walsh said that state attorneys will forward a decision on that aspect as soon as possible. He added that local input into the proposition will also be considered when the commissioners deliberate on the matter.

A spokesman for the Agawam Citizens Together committee told the *Advertiser/News* that the group is mobilizing a campaign to fight the raceway firm, the same firm that dropped their earlier proposal just one week before the Town Council was to act on it.

"We think this is going to be an easy one. Enough has been dumped on the town. Everyone is up in arms about this thing, especially the way the Governor has made a mockery of home rule. You can be sure ACT will fight it," said Daniel Lacinski, the organization's chairman.

ACT, a 125-member citizens group that formed earlier this year when the first race track proposal and proposals from local developers Frank Solitario and John Beltrandi presented themselves before the community. Each proposal was subsequently withdrawn after a heavy lobbying campaign led by ACT.

People Must Come Out

Said Town Manager Peter Caputo, "The position I'm taking is to object strenuously to local public authority on these issues apparently being circumvented. If we all cooperate in this, we can still maintain it. It's essential for the people to come out and voice their feelings."

While a legal opinion from Town Counsel Lambert Ollari is forthcoming on the town's appeal process if the track receives approval, Caputo asks residents not to

panic in order to keep things in the "proper perspective." "It's a matter of the big kids in Boston coming down on the smaller kids on the block," he added.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad, an avid opponent of large scale development within the community, said the Town Council's stance on the race track remains "emphatically opposed" and that appointed officials in Boston are now attempting to indicate policy to the localities.

County Supported Racing

Fieldstad pointed out that a non-binding referendum question concerning the status of racing in Hampden County was supported by county residents, including Agawam voters, in the 1977 election. According to Fieldstad, the legislature was simply following through with the referendum result.

"I really cannot criticize the legislature because now they are giving us what we wanted. But history illustrates that while people voted for racing, no one wants it in their own backyard. If it's in someone else's town, fine, but not ours."

Fieldstad called the apparent attempt to bypass local home rule "back door politics" by certain factions with the State House. Fieldstad added that he is still awaiting a ruling on the legality of the bill before recommending any further action.

Lacinski told the *Advertiser/News* that the previous rejection of Pioneer Valley Inc. in the communities of Springfield, West Springfield, Northampton, Chicopee, and Agawam is a clear indication that county residents no longer wish racing in this area.

Declared Lacinski, "If we have to, ACT will bring this thing to a binding county-wide referendum that would overturn a favorable decision submitted by the racing commission."

No Tax Break

The ACT chairman explained that local citizens would not receive a tax break from the raceway, but instead would receive relief through money handed to the town for some type of local improvements. "And who is going to pay for the police and fire protection, and who will pay for the roads? Why, the police chief is now screaming for more men just to cover the community. And we also object to the bad elements, like organized crime, the track would bring into Agawam," he added.

According to Council President Richard Theroux, the bill is designed to circumvent home rule, which is setting a dangerous precedent. "I would oppose it for the fact that it takes away local control and authority. It stinks as far as the political implications behind it are concerned."

File Court Action

Theroux said that the town could possibly file court action through the Massachusetts Cities and Towns Association, of which Agawam is a member, to test the legality of usurping home rule.

"But we have to be very careful. If the racing commission approves it, and we tried to stop it by zoning or litigation, we could be sued as a community," Theroux maintained.

Council Accepts Theroux' Motion On Bondi's Island

Contending that the community must be more active and better informed about the Bondi's Island sewage treatment plant, Town Council President Richard Theroux' resolution to establish a sub committee to monitor operations at the plant was accepted by the council last Monday evening.

Monitor Operations

The new sub committee will, according to the council president, "monitor operations at the plant on a month by month basis in order to inform better the community which is paying bills for use of the facility." Theroux motion passed by a 13-1 count.

Bondi's Island, often plagued by controversy resulting from mechanical difficulties at the site, is, as Theroux said, "a project that is located in Agawam and is protected by the Agawam fire and police departments. Therefore, we have even more of a stake in it besides just paying bills."

The new sub committee, consisting of three members, will be announced next week. Theroux said the committee will meet with Springfield officials who are charged with running the facility on a regular basis. The committee will then inform the council and the community on the plant's operations.

Earlier Motion Defeated

The council had defeated an earlier motion sponsored by the veteran councilor last year because many councilors feared that by becoming more involved with the plant, it would increase the town's financial responsibility. Theroux assured the elected body that the community would not assume further financial responsibility once the committee becomes functional.

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Chris Hoague of 7 Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, holds a 21 1/2" long large mouth bass he caught at the Agawam Fish and Game Club. Chris, and his friend, Carl Moccia of Garden Street, used a frog to bait the big bite.

Must Report Striking Animals

A bill requiring motorists who strike and injure or kill a dog or cat to report it has been signed into law by Governor Edward King.

"The operator of a motor vehicle that strikes and injures or kills a dog or cat shall forthwith report such an accident to the owner or custodian of said dog or cat or to a police officer in the town wherein such accident has occurred. A violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars."

House bill 5333 becomes law effective October 23, 1979.

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Kennedy Visits Riverside

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and several members of his family visited the Greater Springfield area early this week. Among those accompanying the Senator were his own three children, four of his late brother Robert's children, and two children

of his sister Eunice and her husband Sargent Shriver.

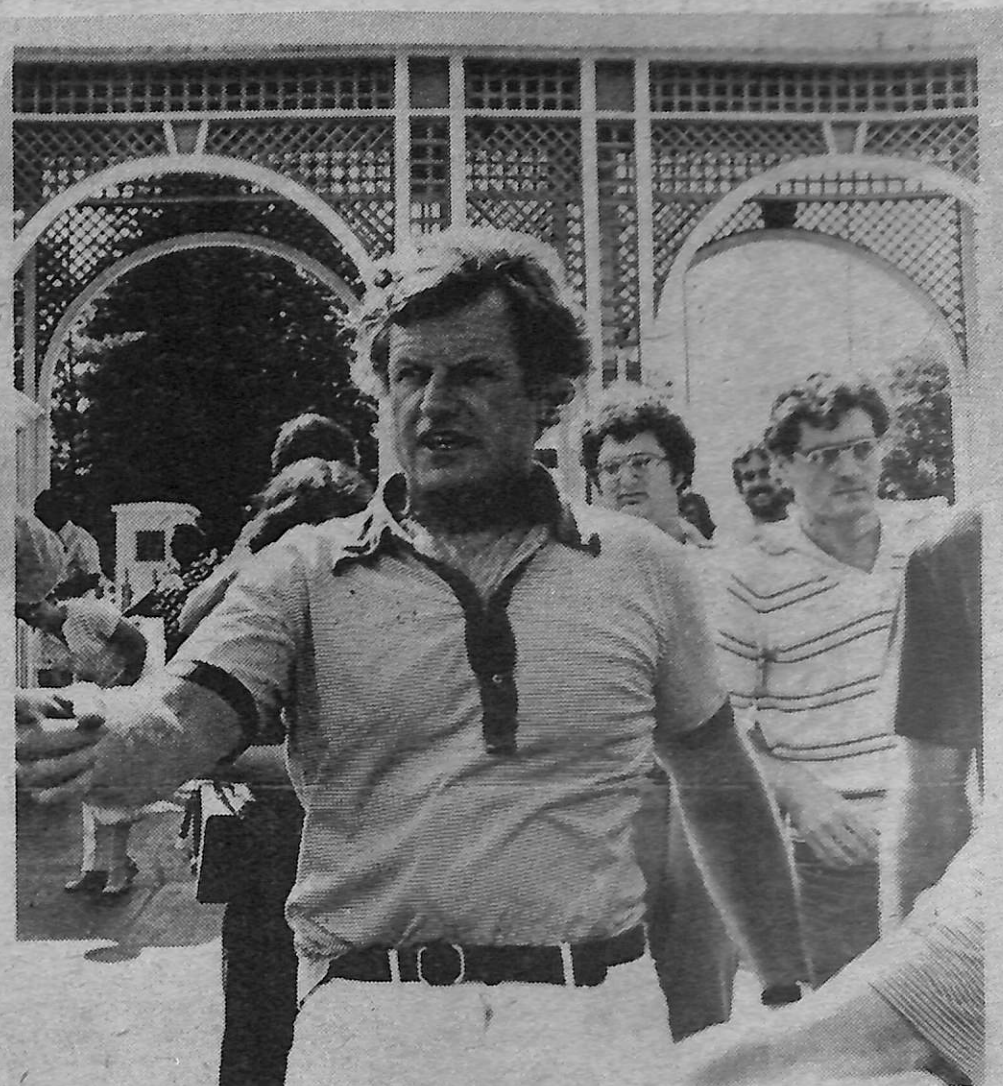
The entourage began their swing through Western Massachusetts at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield where crowds packed the rooms to get a glimpse of the

Senator.

They continued on to Riverside Park here in Agawam and toured the park riding the roller coaster and the Skywalk among others. The younger generation sported T-shirts emblazoned with the Riverside emblem. U.S. Representative Edward Boland and his family joined the Kennedy's at Riverside.

The group continued on to the Alpine Slide at Mt. Tom, where the Senator descended the slide twice but at a slower pace than most of the youngsters.

From the crowds of area residents who travelled to see the Senator and his group, Ted Kennedy is definitely high on the list of popular politicians in Western Massachusetts.



Massachusetts Senator Edward Kennedy at Riverside Park this week.

Methods Detailed For Sale of Produce

The office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures would like to bring to the attention of farmers and gardeners the method in which fruits and vegetables are to be sold.

Fruits and vegetables are to be sold by weight, measure or count unless sold in an "original standard container." Original standard container means boxes, baskets, and containers the capacity of which is established by Massachusetts law or act of Congress.

Vegetables which by custom of trade are sold by the bunch, such as fresh beets, carrots, rhubarb, radishes smaller vegetables, may be exempt from the weight, measure or count provisions.

Scales used in the sale of fresh produce must be of an approved type and certified as accurate by the Inspector of Weights and Measures. Household scales, baby scales, and bath scales are not legal weighing devices to be used in the sale of any type of produce.

Many gardeners package beans and small produce in trays and cellophane. When they do this, such packages must bear a plain and conspicuous statement of contents by weight, measure, or count. Gardeners are cautioned regarding their responsibility under the general laws regarding the sale of produce and products over unsealed and inaccurate scales.



Senior Center Wright St., Agawam

8/10: Batterfry fish, mashed potatoes, spinach, custard

8/13: Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, peas, pears

8/14: Meat patties, Spanish rice, lettuce, apple crisp

8/15: Beef stew, noodles, pie

8/16: Ravioli, broccoli, fruit

8/17: Tunafish salad w/ sliced tomato, cake

We have a few seats left on our August 23rd trip to Connecticut. Lunch at the Riverton Inn and then to the Hallstedt Museum. We have never been to this famous museum before, and if you like beautiful furniture and world-famous paintings, you will not want to miss this museum. Price: \$9.75.

On September 11, we will go the Quincy Market in Boston. For lunch, everybody is on his own. Before we go home, we will visit the Boston Tea Party Museum, which is a boat. On deck, you will be served cheese and wine - price only \$6.75, including the cheese and wine. You'll be feeling no pain driving home!

Remember, no blood pressure clinic in August.

A Friend

By Gina Lynch

A friend is a person with whom you are glad, Cheering you up whenever you're sad.

A friend is a person you tell secrets to, 'Cause you know that they'll never tell them on you.

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(Ed. Note: Gina Lynch lives at 76 Clematis Rd., Agawam.)

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Beautification Committee Planning Fall Season

The Agawam Beautification Committee is planning its fall season and the first project will be the Appreciation Awards program.

The members of the committee are on the look out for businesses which have helped enhance the community by sprucing up the landscaping at their own locations. Again, as in the past years, framed Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to those chosen businesses for their efforts in improving the appearance of Agawam.

This year's award night will be held in the early fall. The committee is also asking the cooperation of the townspeople to clean up, pick up and spruce up their properties so that we can all be proud on the Town of Agawam.

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Agawam Woman Wins National UNICO Scholarship

By Joanne Brown



Left to right: Laura Coppola, Jodi Ferraro and Thomas Coppola

It seems that fairy tales really can come true. At least, this is the case for a young woman from Agawam.

Jodi Ann Ferraro, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ferraro of 17 Henry Street, Feeding Hills, just recently returned from a trip with members of her family to Miami Beach, Florida where they were the guests of the Agawam chapter of UNICO at the national UNICO convention.

After winning one of the local UNICO scholarships here in Agawam, Jodi's application was submitted to the national organization, whose scholarship committee is comprised of men from all over the United States. She was notified in late spring that she had been chosen to be one of four recipients, each to receive a \$2,000 grant over the next four years.

That is itself seemed like a dream to Jodi and her family, but there was more. The national scholarship was to be presented to her at the convention of all the UNICO chapters throughout the United States to be held in Miami Beach. The Agawam chapter notified her that they would completely sponsor her trip so that it would be possible for her to attend the convention to accept her award in person.

The UNICO national convention extended over a five-day period, and for three of those days, Jodi and her family were their guests for a fabulous time of sun, sea, excellent food and entertainment. Presented at the convention by Agawam UNICO President Tom Coppola and his wife Laura, Jodi found the highlight of her stay to be the scholarship awards banquet at which the new national president and other officers were installed.

At this elegant formal affair, each of the recipients was called upon to make a short speech. In her comments, Jodi affirmed her faith in people, expressed her gratitude to the Agawam chapter for their support, and stated her hope "to bring to life the 'O' in UNICO" by making the best of the opportunity the organization has offered her.

Reflections on her weekend called to mind an array of remembrances for Jodi. The confusion of the airport seemed to be the antithesis of the peace of the surfside. The casual attire of a short boat cruise was opposed by the formal gowns and tuxedos worn at the banquet. The quick hamburger for lunch contrasted sharply with the delectable appetizers and 7-course dinners.

According to Jodi, she now knows how Cinderella must have felt at the prince's ball. The experience is one she will always remember, and she is very grateful to the Agawam chapter of UNICO for sponsoring her trip.

But what she appreciates even more are the funds to be granted to her over the next four years which she plans to spend majoring in Pre-Med at Holy Cross College. The UNICO awards, both on the local and national levels, have in great part made it possible for her to accomplish this goal.

Jodi now feels very much a part of this organization of Italian-Americans whose motto is "Service Above Self." The UNICO acronym, which stands for Unity Neighborliness Integrity Charity and Opportunity, has truly personified itself as far as she is concerned.



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The lone dissenter on the resolution, Councilor Floyd Landers, disagreed with Theroux arguing, "Because of litigation in court and because of all the mechanical difficulties at the plant, it would not be wise for the town to get any more involved than it already is." Landers was also against the motion when Theroux brought it to the council floor last August.

Theroux later suggested that the community install its own meter in the River Road pumping station in order to have a precise way of checking the town's sewage flow.

Have Meter In Town

"If we had our own meter right here in town, we could keep a better check on the bills that are coming in. We just want to make sure that the taxpayers are being protected," he explained.

Theroux stated that approximately 50% of the local residents utilize the Bondi's Island site that is located off Route 5. According to Theroux, a rate increase is due in the near future, although he had no idea how much it would be or when the increase would commence.

The council president noted that Springfield officials have offered their full cooperation to the new committee.

According to Agawam DPW Chief Jack Stone, the City of Springfield failed to issue the town bills on the plant's usage for April and June. Stone said that Agawam withheld payments for the previous two billing periods because of certain questions Town Hall had "on a few matters" at the plant.

"Resolve Common Concerns"

Stone further stated that the communities of Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, West Springfield, and Agawam have recently hired consulting engineers "to resolve some common concerns" the sister communities have with the plant. Stone would not comment on what the concerns were that each participating community entertained.

Theroux acknowledged that the plant has been plagued by a variety of ailments, but he added, "I think that a number of those problems are being cleared up with the cooperation of all neighboring communities."

Parks & Rec Slates Field Day - Cookout

The annual Parks and Recreation Field Day and Penny Carnival for Jerry Lewis' Muscular Dystrophy will be held Wednesday, August 15, at Shea's Field from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Buses will pick up the children at 9:30 at their playground. The rain date will be Thursday, August 16.

The field day will have all kinds of games and races for which ribbons will be awarded.

A 12 noon, the Agawam Lions Club will provide free lunches for all the children and leaders of hot dogs, punch, and watermelon.

At 1 p.m., the Penny Carnival will begin and run till about 3:30. All the money will be donated to the Muscular Dystrophy fund.

Buses will return the children to their playgrounds around 4:00. Children must be registered with the playgrounds in order to participate on this day.

PWP To Hold Midsummer Night's Fun

Rain or shine, August 11 will be a Midsummer Night's Fun for members of Parents Without Partners in this area.

The Tri-State Regional Council, consisting of PWP chapters from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Vermont, has planned the evening of fun at the Brass Rail in Southwick. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the group will enjoy swimming, a sing-along by the campfire, and dancing in the covered pavilion, with music provided by a six-piece band.

Single parent prospective members are invited to attend this function. The charge is \$2.50. Reservations are not required.

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Bridgewater--Robert Thomas, 417 River Road, Agawam, son of Irene and Irene Thomas, has been accepted as a member of the Class of 1983 at Bridgewater State College and will begin studies there in the fall. Robert, a 1979 graduate of Agawam High School and a member of the National Honor Society, recently participated in the special orientation program held at Bridgewater State College to acquaint new students with the campus.

Jaycees Install New Officers

The Agawam Jaycees have elected their new officers for the 1979-1980 year. The officers are as follows: Phil Ferrari, president; Pete Chechile, administrative vice president; Dave Anderson, internal vice president; Ken Moulton, external vice president; Fran Milliken, secretary; Eddie Grant, treasurer; Bob Ferris, state directors; and Chris Manolakis, Bob Burbank, and Bill Butler as board of directors members.

Membership meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at the SPAN Center. All young men between the ages of 18 and 35 are welcome.

More Juniors Forming!

A Southwick Junior Women's Club is in the process of formation!

A Junior Women's Club is a civic organization of the community to meet personal and local needs. Clubs are made up of young women who unite together because of mutual interests and needs to accomplish goals of common purpose.

The purpose of Junior Membership is to promote civic, educational, social, and philanthropic activities in fulfillment of community demands. Through club action, a valuable service is given for the betterment of all.

All clubs are free to determine their own activities. There are six departments: Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, and the Arts.

While the State Federation offers a great deal and encourages all clubs to participate, the choice lies with each club to determine its own priorities.

The Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs is the largest women's organization in Massachusetts. Its national affiliate, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, is the largest volunteer organization of women in the world.

There are now three active junior clubs in our district: Agawam, East Longmeadow, and Wilbraham. For further information about the now-forming Southwick organization, please call Mrs. Charlotte Venturini at 786-8160.

Job Hunting Tips From The Army Recruiter

First impressions are important, especially when you're interviewing for a job. Staff Sergeant Allen Cudd, the Army recruiter in Agawam, says an army publication called *How Not To Blow A Job Interview* is a must for high school students entering the job market.

Advice in the publication includes selecting interesting career paths, lining up interviews with prospective employers, preparing a resume, dressing for an interview, and conduct during the inter-

view.

"This free booklet can be a valuable guide for students who are looking for a part-time job or career fields," says Sgt. Cudd. "You can pick up a copy from me at the recruiting station; 335 Walnut St. Ext., Suite 207, Agawam."

"Of course, the Army is right there competing in the job market for young men and women," continued Sgt. Cudd, "but with the Army the prospective employee can demand a training program of his or her choice, is guaranteed skill training before enlistment, a uniform allowance, full medical and dental benefits, educational programs, free housing and food, as well as the recreational facilities and travel opportunities that are part of the Army lifestyle."

Why is the Army offering a booklet that tells young men and women how to find a job outside the army? Sgt. Cudd explains that saying, "the Army is not for everyone. We have a lot to offer, but not everyone is cut out for army life. This booklet can help young people do their best when looking for a job, and it just might make some of them aware of the opportunities in the Army."

Collings Named To Post At SC



Richard W. Collings, 238 Maple Street, Agawam, has been named assistant director of financial aid and coordinator of student employment at Springfield College, according to SC Dean of Admissions Robert B. Palmer. The appointment is effective immediately.

Collings, 31, will assist in the review of student applications for financial assistance and will be responsible for the coordination and supervision of the college work-study and student employment programs. He will report to John W. Wilcox, who has directed the SC financial assistance operation since 1970.

Collings received a B.S. degree from Springfield College in 1973 and an M.Ed. degree from SC in 1974. He joined the SC administrative staff in 1975 as an administrative intern at the Doggett Memorial International Center and was named assistant to the director of the center in 1977.

Collings served as assistant coordinator for international matters for SC's "International Sports Program with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia" at the site of the XXI Olympiad and on-campus in 1976.

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Famous Bee Gee Plane Returns

by Edith Lafrancis

Fifty years ago this summer, five young Granville brothers, Zantford, Mark, Thomas, Edward and Robert, came from Boston to Springfield and built their first Model A bi-plane at a shop on Liberty St. Bob Hall of Agawam joined the Company soon afterwards and became their chief engineer.

At Hall's suggestion the young mechanics, whose finances were in bad shape due to the depression, turned to the building of racing planes in an attempt to win some of the prize money.

Their Model Z, named "City of Springfield", rolled out of their small shop in August 1931 and became one of the famous and now legendary Gee Bee racers.

When first seen landing and taking off at Bowles Airport, which it used about equally with Springfield Airport, the stubby, short winged little plane caused considerable comment. A "bumblebee" and a "flying milk bottle" were some of the names applied to it. It was powered by an engine loaned by Pratt and Whitney and its radical design made it a very tricky thing to fly.

Never intended as a passenger carrier, the "City of Springfield" was tested, and flown in the 1931 races at Cleveland by Lowell Bayles. A second races, Granville Model Y, was flown by Maude Tait of Springfield in the women's Aerol Trophy race. Bob Hall of Agawam flew both planes.

On September 1, 1931, the crowd at Cleveland were thrilled by their first view of Gee Bee performances as Bayles took the "City of Springfield" over the qualifying course at 286 miles per hour, which was faster than the world record.

The next day during the actual race, Bayles loafed around the Goodyear Trophy course and won at 206 miles per hour. Bob Hall, flying Maude Tait's plane had second place sewed up but clipped a wing on a pylon and had to withdraw. The damage was not serious and while Bayles rested up for the Thompson Trophy race, Hall piloted the "City of Springfield" in the General Tire and Rubber Trophy race and won first place.

Then Hall won a free-for-all on September 6th and Maude Tait won the Aerol Trophy in the Model Y.

Gee Bees were stealing the show.

In the Thompson Trophy race, a 10-lap 100 mile course, a Laird plane flown by Major James Doolittle, was first

away from the starting line. Bayles in the "City of Springfield" was right behind him. Bob Hall with the Model Y was fifth in the starting line.

As Doolittle leveled off for the second lap his plane began trailing black smoke. It lost speed but he continued in second place until a piston blew and he was forced down.

Bayles took the lead in the second lap and held it to win the race at 236 miles per hour. Bob Hall carried off fourth money in the Model Y.

Granville Brothers planes had dominated the 1931 air races and the "City of Springfield" had won every race it had entered! There was a big celebration when the planes and flyers returned to Springfield.

The career of the "City of Springfield" and her pilot Lowell Bayles ended in a flaming crash. In November at the Wayne County Airport in Detroit, with a bigger engine installed, Bayles tried for the official world's speed record.

Engine trouble made the first runs incomplete and on the fourth try when Bayles dove to gain maximum speed for the run and levelled off at 165 feet from 1000 the Gee Bee lost a wing. The plane dipped, did two quick snap rolls and exploded. The engine broke loose and flew another 200 yards. The flaming mass of wreckage bounded along a railroad track.

After extensive investigation, the Granvilles concluded that the gas cap had come off and broken the cowling so that some material had hit Bayles in the face. The plane was so sensitive to control that one instant of hesitation resulted in disaster.

On the day Bayles was killed, Bob Hall left the Company; he had some disagreement with Zantford Granville over the design of the plane. Hall formed another company and built two planes of his own design, "Cicada" and "Bull Dog", at Bowles Airport. The Granvilles continued to build racers and to win prizes for several years. After the design and building of planes, Hall later worked for Grumman Aircraft.

During this past year, an exact copy of the "City of Springfield" has been built by William Turner in California from the original Granville plans. Turner is bringing it here to Springfield August 20 to 25 for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the building of the first Gee Bee.

Information Sought On Springfield Airport

Records of events and fliers going back to the days of the old Springfield Airport, now the Springfield Plaza Shopping Center, are being sought by the merchants group at the plaza.

A spokesman for the group said the most interesting information, such as names of pilots, types of airplanes, pictures and souvenirs, will be on display the week of August 20 to 25 as part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Granville Brothers (Gee Bee) coming to Springfield in 1929.

A replica of a Gee Bee racer, the model Z, "City of Springfield" made in California, will be on display every day that week. Its owner and pilot Bill Turner of San Carlos, California, will be on hand at the plaza to answer questions. The replica was damaged last June when it landed at Half Moon Bay Airport in California after it had flown 35 hours. It since has been restored and is now in Springfield being readied for the celebration.

Turner, an authority on Gee Bee planes, will tell of some of the accomplishments of the original plane when it won races at the national air races in Cleveland. It will be an opportunity for those who remember and for youngsters to learn the Gee Bee story. The plane was piloted by such famous fliers as Lowell Bayles, Russ Boardman, Jimmy Doolittle of World War II fame, Bob Hall, pilot and designer, and a host of other old time fliers.

Walter Harmon, aviation expert for the Springfield newspapers, is contacting his old flying buddies to come to make this a really great Gee Bee reunion. Also at the plaza that week will be a display of home-built planes of the Experimental Aircraft Association along with their movie and slide presentation and a display of new and antique cars.

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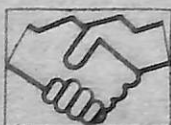
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Kathy Lodigiani

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lodigiani of Granville, Ohio, announce the approaching marriage of the daughter Cathi to Mark Consolini, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Consolini of 101 Doane Avenue, Agawam.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Granville (Ohio) High School and of Bliss College, Columbus, Ohio. She is employed as assistant manager of operations at K & H Im-

porters, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Consolini is a graduate of Agawam High School and of Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, New York. He is employed as a chef at Chef Josef in Agawam.

A wedding date of August 25, 1979, has been set in St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, Newark, Ohio. The couple will reside in the Agawam area.

Deborah A. Meyer and Ricky M. Turczak were married on June 23, 1979, in First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield, Connecticut. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Meyer of Suffield and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Turczak of Cicero, Illinois.

Pamela R. Meyer attended her sister-in-law as maid of honor, and Gary Turczak served his brother as best man.

The bride's other attendants were Elizabeth Drakely, Lisa Knox, and Libby Merrell of Suffield, and Ondine Froberg of Dover, Mass. Karen Colley of Wilton, Connecticut, was flower girl.

Peter Meyer, brother of the bride, Michael Tur-

zak, brother of the groom, and Thomas Drakely of Suffield served as ushers. George Ruddy Jr. of Springfield, New Jersey, was the ring bearer.

The bride and groom rode from the church to the Suffield Inn in a horse and carriage for the reception.

Mrs. Turczak is a graduate of Suffield High School, attended the University of Connecticut, and graduated from Marine Corps basic training in 1978.

Mr. Turczak has been serving in the Marine Corps since 1976.

The couple will reside in Millington, Tennessee, while they are stationed at the Marine Air Naval Training Wing at Millington Naval Air Base.

Meyer-Turczak Wedding



Cynthia Grasso Engaged To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Grasso of 57 Meadow Street, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Lee, to Andrei V. Guidette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald V. Guidette of Wilbraham.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and of Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. She is employed by the West

Springfield Animal Hospital.

The groom-to-be is a graduate of Minnechaug Regional High School and attended Westfield State College and Stockbridge School of Agriculture. He is self-employed as a harness horse trainer and driver.

A November 10, 1979, wedding is planned in Agawam.

HCC Announces Dean's List

The Dean's List for the spring semester at Holyoke Community College has been announced by Dr. Phillip S. Campbell, Dean of the College at HCC.

Those named are students who earned a quality point average of 3.0 or better and who carried at least 14 semester hours of work during the semester.

On the Dean's List from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area are the following: John Collins, Jerome Czuprynski, Ron Dutton, Donna Fleury, Karen Hannon, Carol Kajka, Cheryl Kelly, Patricia Longo, Steven Mitus, Philomena Napoli, Karen Patino, Lisa Rex, Leslie Roberts, and Katherine Shoemaker.

Operation Friendship Christmas In August

Agawam has something very special to offer its youth and their families - Operation Friendship, a non-sectarian cultural exchange group sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Nine countries are involved in this program with the United States having chapters in Indiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Vermont, and Massachusetts.

Feeding Hills Operation Friendship has welcomed people from England and Ireland in the past, and this year, the visitors are fourteen youths and two advisors from The Netherlands.

All members work together at tag sales, suppers, car washes and so on to provide funds for three weeks of tours in the area. The American and Dutch youth visited New York City and Hartford, and they learned about our politics at the State House in Boston. They walked through history at Shaker Village, Old Sturbridge Village, Old Newgate Prison, Mark Twain's house, and Gillette Castle.

Most importantly, they have all formed friendships that will last a lifetime while socializing at pool parties, banquets, host families' homes, and even at a Christmas party in August. The greatest gift shared by everyone attending was love - the real reason for Operation Friendship.

Agawam Y Offers Weekly Memberships

The YMCA Family Center in Agawam is of-

fering a \$15 per week family membership for the month of August. This includes availability of the three new tennis courts, opportunity to take part in the several family picnic events planned and use of the beautiful olympic-sized swimming pool.

The center is located at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street. Tennis courts are available during daylight hours and the pool is open from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends.

This is ideal for a family that wants an extra special vacation time at a stay-at-home price, or for a family that simply wants a break from the heat for a week or two.

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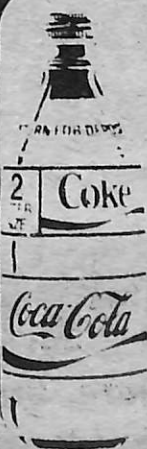
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Kunasek Attends Conference



Pictured at the Pinehurst Hotel are Dave Kunasek and his wife, Louise.

PINEHURST, N.C., July 23 - David Kunasek, of 64 Day Street, Feeding Hills, was here recently to participate in a three-day business and educational conference with officers and other leading sales representatives of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Kunasek, associated with the company's office at 82 Main Street, West Springfield, qualified for the conference by providing more than \$1.1 million of life insurance protection for his clients. He placed in the top 10 percent of Metropolitan's 20,000 sales representatives in the United States and Canada.

Storowton Sponsors Creative Classes

Spend a mid-summer day learning a creative, useful skill and enjoying every minute of it at Creative Classes sponsored at Storowton Village Museum located on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Macrame with Jane Barrientos begins on Tuesday, August 7 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mrs. Barrientos and her husband Jonas have been teaching at the Agawam Arts and Crafts Shoppe for six years and they have taught several seminars.

Wall-stencilling with Karen Cousineau of Westfield will begin August 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Ms. Cousineau, who holds a degree in fine arts from Westfield State College, has done extensive restoration and customizing of area homes and businesses with both free hand painting and stencilling work.

For further information, contact June Cook, museum director, at 736-0632.

Jewish Singles Schedule Picnic & Swim Party

The Jewish Singles of Western Massachusetts will sponsor a Picnic and Swim Party at the Y Country Day Camp in Wilbraham on Sunday, August 12th, from 1 to 6 p.m. The outing will feature swimming, softball, volleyball, and a cookout. No one under 20 will be admitted as alcohol will be served. ID's will be checked!

Reservations will be required and a \$2.50 fee will be charged to cover food cost. Those attending are requested to bring sporting equipment.

The camp is located on Soule Road. From Springfield take Parker Street to Allen to Porter Road to East Longmeadow road to Soule. In the event of rain the party will be held at the Jewish Community Center in Springfield.

Further events being planned by the group include an evening at Riverside Park on August 23rd and an outing to Tanglewood to hear the New York Philharmonic on August 26th.

For more information, call Wendy Chernick, 783-0236, Steven Mackler, 788-7777, or Heidi Rosner, 522-9400 after 6.

Lori Simpson Employed by Airline



Lori Simpson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Simpson, of Agawam, Ma., has recently been employed with Braniff International in Houston, Texas as a Reservations Agent. Lori is a recent graduate of Southeastern Academy, a career training school for the travel industry, located in Kissimmee, Florida.

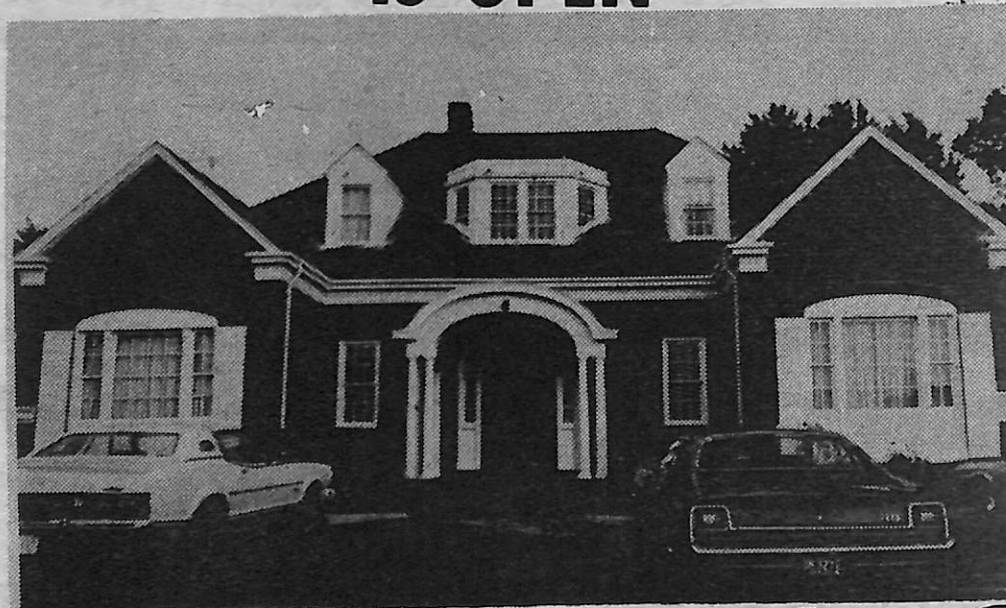
M.E. Family Picnic Scheduled

On August 19th (raindate-August 26th) at 12:30 there will be a Marriage Encounter Family Picnic held at the YMCA on Mill Street in Agawam.

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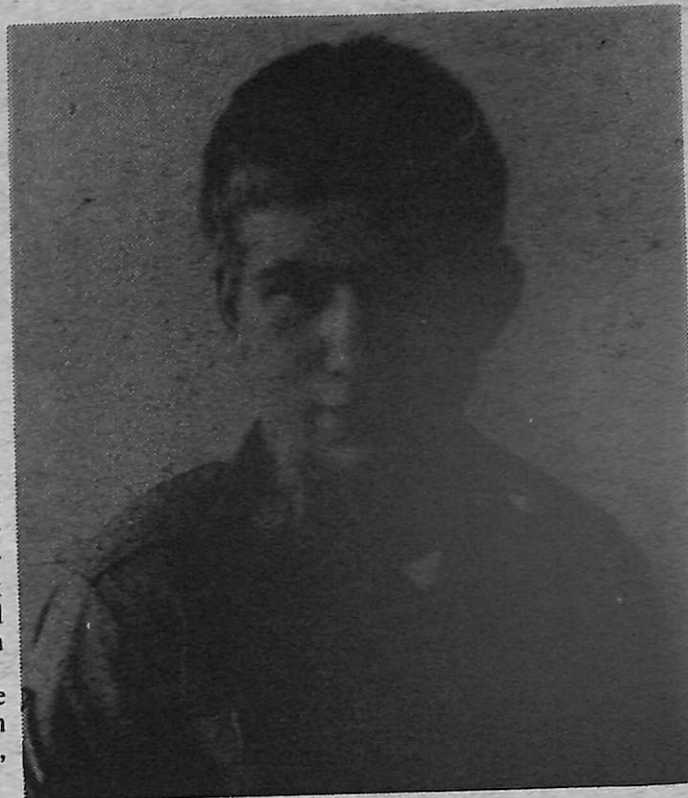
Ann Lentini, the Chairperson of the Greater Westfield Area Council for Children is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Beeke as Child Advocate for the area Help for Children Program, which provides services in the areas of information about children's services, referral to appropriate sources of assistance, and advocacy for children. Ms. Beeke is a longtime resident of Westfield and is well-known in Western Massachusetts for her advocacy work in Early Intervention and with parents of children with special needs.

Ms. Beeke has been active in community organizations and has worked with parents of children with learning disabilities since 1970. From 1974 to 1977, she was Coordinator of Special Programs at Westfield Creative Learning Center where she developed and implemented a variety of innovative programs, including the Toy Lending Library, the IN Program, and the Family Preschool. She was associated with Project ERIN (Early Recognition/Intervention Networks) with Dr. Peter Hainsworth from 1975 to 1977. Her most recent work experience was with the Central Pioneer Valley Council for Children in the Chicopee/Holyoke Area as an Educational Organizer for VISTA.

Ms. Beeke has a B.S. Degree in Education from the University of Massachusetts. She is married to William G. Beeke and is a mother of three children, William, Robert, and Christina.

Help for Children is a free and confidential information, referral and advocacy program serving children in the Greater Westfield Area, which includes Agawam. Ms. Beeke is available from 9-5, five days a week at the Council for Children Offices located at the Western Mass. Hospital Complex, 91 East Mountain Road, Westfield. Anyone in need of help may call Ms. Beeke at 568-3341 for assistance.

Pvt. Gaynor Assigned To Local Area



Army Private Dennis J. Gaynor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Gaynor of 51 South Alhambra Circle, Agawam, was recently assigned to temporary duty in the area as part of a nationwide "recruiter aide" program which allows enlistees to return home to give a firsthand account of military service.

He will work at the town's army recruiting office at 335 Walnut Street Extension until August 20th. Pvt. Gaynor is among six Western Massachusetts soldiers serving as aides.

Nominated by their local recruiters, all aides work in their hometowns for 30 days before reporting to their first permanent duty stations. More than 400 soldiers throughout the country take part in the program each month.

A 1978 graduate of Agawam High School, Pvt. Gaynor enlisted this April as a military policeman. He recently completed training at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, where he studied basic law, search and seizure procedures, criminal investigation, and weapons use.

While in the area, the soldier will be available to discuss Army training opportunities with high school students and community groups.

He leaves Massachusetts September 7th to report to his first duty station in Germany.



Elizabeth Beeke

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

A few weeks ago, my wife asked me to take her for a quick ride to the new Agawam library on Cooper Street. Upon arriving, I decided to go in with my wife and my son to view what I, as a taxpayer, helped to build. I was quite surprised.

What I saw was a beautifully designed, well-maintained and expertly staffed library. It was very impressive. What started out to be a 10 minute car ride ended up to be a three hour trip as we stayed there the better part of the evening. My wife had to drag me out.

What puzzled me most about our new library is how the town allowed our new, modern structure to be so poorly landscaped and kept up. After spending thousands of dollars on designing and building our new public library, I would think that they would spend a few dollars more and have it properly landscaped. I realize its appearance has nothing to do with how our library serves the residents of Agawam, but if you're going to start a project, finish it correctly. If you're going to do something, do it right!

Make us proud of the outside appearance as well as the inside of our library.

When a resident of a neighboring town drives down Rte. 57 or Cooper Street, let him look at our new library and have him wish that he had such a beautiful library in his town.

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To the Editor:

The SEMA read with interest your editorial of July 17. We recognize that Route 57 is the domain of Agawam but the Springfield approach and the South End Bridge are very important to us. We favor roads and connections that enable people to come and go from their homes easily but safely.

To achieve this, compromise is the only way. Politically, the Route 57 dispute may be better solved by ballot. Socially, it will have to be determined how best to serve the common good. Economically, there may be some serious upsets to overcome.

We business people applaud the efforts of the Town of Agawam for trying to resolve this sensitive problem. We continue to enjoy our relations with the town by way of "our" bridge. We do not anticipate a traffic problem into the South End as a result of the extension of Route 57.

Yours respectfully,
Gloria Beaudreau
Vice President
South End Merchants Association
Springfield, Mass.

To The Editor:

With all the verbiage that has appeared in the newspapers and on television involving Moreno's review of Caputo's resume, not one reporter, be they newspaper or television, has asked Caputo how he obtained confidential information from Moreno's personal mail.

I would hope that the District Attorney would consider this point when and if he chooses to investigate Caputo's charges.

D. J. Desmond

Legal Notices Accepted

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that an application has been filed by the Pioneer Valley Raceway, Inc., with the State Racing Commission for license to conduct a Harness Horse Racing Meeting, at Agawam Hamden County, on a track to be known as Pioneer Valley Raceway, located on Silver St. Agawam. In accordance with Section 3, Chapter 128-A of the General Laws, a public hearing will be held on August 20, 1979, at the Agawam Junior High School, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. beginning at 7:00 p.m. on said application.

STATE RACING COMMISSION

Thomas R. Lynch, Secretary

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More Warnings To Caputo

By Ric Sardella

Pro-Mayor faction. Pro-Manager forces.

Name Tags

These labels, tagged on certain groups within the community, have received much use in recent weeks. Undoubtedly, they will receive widespread use by the first week in November. The reason - a couple of referendum questions, questions that concern the future status of local home rule, appear before the electorate at large November 6th.

The questions, formed by a special commission chaired by perennial manager advocate Andrew C. Gallano, asks the voters whether they wish a mayor form of government with an elected council or a manager model, but with a council reduced from 15 to 9. Gallano (who also served as chairman of the commission that founded the town's present charter) and his 9-member committee also left a lever for those who wish to maintain the present municipal structure.

Town Manager Peter Caputo has, on more than one occasion, stated that the pro-mayor faction will, through conspiratorial methods, attempt to discredit him. This would create, as Caputo points out and correctly so, a backlash on local government that was similar to the James Westman era. By creating chaos and instability, as was so evident during the Westman years, the town would support the change to the mayor, which one longtime political observer said is "inevitable" regardless of what transpires in the election.

Guardian Of Ethics

I have in this space supported the present form of government. When Councilor Floyd Landers, the self-appointed guardian of municipal ethics, attempted to oust Caputo for alleged patronage last month, I scored the move and termed it the "Mayor Gambit Revived." I constantly referred to the Landers move as a platform for a group that wants Caputo and this government out and a mayor in.

Although the conspiracy aspect of the Landers ploy has been downplayed by some and perhaps I did overstate it a bit, no one will ever convince me that Landers acted on his own accord or was not encouraged by a few influential people who lust for a mayor in Agawam.

According to sources close to the scene, Landers had some solid evidence that backed his claims that patronage and administrative wrong-doing were inherent under Peter Caputo. If that is the case, why did Landers, who says he is concerned for the municipal welfare, bring his charges to a multi-media blitz instead of meeting first with his fellow councilors to discuss the charges? While Landers succeeded in briefly shaking the Caputo administration, he failed miserably to fire Caputo. When it came time to lay the cards on the table, he balked at producing the goods and appeared as a cocky marathon runner who quit after the 12th mile.

Another such situation concerning Caputo's credibility surfaced two weeks ago when former councilor Valentine Moreno, a staunch critic of Caputo, a bitter enemy of Westman, was found conducting an investigation of Caputo's background, specifically his academic background.

According to Caputo, Moreno was using town stationery during his investigation and that Moreno had written to the places in Caputo's past under the guise of being a member of a special committee that was looking into Caputo's resume. Inadvertently, Caputo attained copies of Moreno's letters in an undisclosed manner. Caputo immediately forwarded this knowledge to the council and to District Attorney Matthew Ryan. Caputo also charged that a municipal employee was involved in what he termed as "a conspiracy by the pro-mayor faction."

Ethics Remain Questionable

Oddly enough at the time, Moreno never accused Caputo of anything. Yet his ethics of investigating Caputo's past remain highly questionable.

At Monday evening's council meeting, Moreno attempted to appear at Citizens Speak Time apparently to fill in the councilors on his findings for the first time in public. But Council President Richard Theroux intervened. He refused to allow Moreno to state his case on the grounds that the District Attorney's office was now handling the matter and because Caputo's resume is a council matter. Theroux received majority support from his colleagues on the rare denial of allowing a resident to speak during Citizens Speak Time.

Moreno said he has forwarded all pertinent information concerning alleged discrepancies in Caputo's background to Ryan. Moreno totally disclaimed Caputo's charge that his probe was a conspiracy on the part of the pro-mayor faction.

Council Conduct Investigation?

Prior to the meeting, Landers entered into the scuffle.

From The Editors Desk

By Pat Guevin



I sat quietly (or relatively so) through the Town Council's hashing and rehashing of the budget - first cutting expenditures and then, giving way under pressure from various citizen groups, putting those same funds back into the budget. Granted, they knew they could produce a tax cut for the town with very little effort, and I can understand that with an election only a few short months away, some of them may have been swayed by the lure of a few promised votes. I can't sit idly by while they contemplate transferring over \$10,000 from the general reserve fund to the Park and Rec department so that we can open a few "youth recreation centers" in the various schools in Agawam.

Leading proponent of this idea appears to be Ms. Elaina Bonavita, a candidate running at large for a Town Council seat this coming November. She proposes that our schools be used, after hours, to provide recreational facilities for our "street children." While her intentions may be sincere, I question the need for such facilities.

It is time the taxpayers in this town begin to demand a stop to the spending of our valuable tax dollars. Agawam, as a town, has one of the finest youth programs in all of Massachusetts. The programs we provide for our youth are many and varied in scope. To say that we now need more facilities to entertain our children after school hours borders on the ridiculous. I have to say that our problem may not be "street children", but the parents who have put them there. Why should Agawam's taxpayers be forced to provide babysitting services for the convenience of parents who cannot be bothered with their own children.

Parents who cannot entertain their own children, or who do not find that the services now provided by the town are adequate must not be allowed to penalize the majority of parents who do become involved on a one-to-one basis with their children. Granted, we are all busy, and many parents must work long hours to provide for their families, but where do their responsibilities concerning their children leave off and the town's begin? Being a parent who does get involved in her children's activities and a taxpayer, I urge the Town Council to weigh all of the facts carefully before deciding upon such an expenditure.

He stated that a council-sponsored committee should conduct an investigation of its own into Caputo's academic credentials, the same credentials that were accepted by the council some 20 months ago. How could the council conduct an inquiry into Caputo's academic past when no charges were made and no concrete evidence had been forwarded? Now the DA's office has Moreno's findings, but no charges have been made to support his information. Caputo's resume remains unblemished and until something happens to prove otherwise, Landers would best serve the community and the council by holding his tongue.

Desire A Change

Mayor proponents point to the 2,763 votes that established the Gallano-chaired commission in November, 1977, as a clear indication that townfolk are unhappy with the present charter and desire a change - a change to a mayor.

Contrary to this contention, Gallano said the town's last election was a cut and dry indication that the voters, by negating the re-election of four anti-Westman councilors, including Moreno, plus negating another anti-Westman councilor in his election bid against Edward Connelly, were, in fact, supporting the present charter and James Westman.

Both premises are under much suspect and ring hollowly when defending a pro or anti manager argument.

Mayor Will Be Pushed

I have in this space issued warnings to Town Hall that the mayor will be pushed - and pushed hard. As we get closer to November, it will become quite apparent how united that push becomes and how clean or underhanded it becomes. The same goes for the pro-manager supporters.

I support the manager charter. A mayor coming in means machine politics and patronage placing your own into positions that goes hand-in-hand with the political machinery. This lends itself to more political wheeling and dealing. In a system already highly politicized, Agawam certainly does not need more of that.

Tsongas Sings Kennedy's Tune

On the morning that Paul Tsongas was elected United States Senator from Massachusetts, I was working on Capitol Hill. My boss, chief legislative aide to a prominent Midwestern senator, walked into the office with a sardonic grin on his face and announced, "Your state's just elected a Kennedy clone."

The aide, of course, was right. Tsongas is a clone for Kennedy, or at least has admitted he is willing to be. Tsongas recently announced he's mulling a run in the Massachusetts primary next March as a surrogate for Ted. Apparently, what Ted won't do for himself, Paul will.

The scenario is simple. Tsongas runs for Kennedy against Brown and Carter. Tsongas wins and takes his delegates to the New York City convention. Tsongas plays power broker by preventing a Carter first ballot victory. In the ensuing fight, a restless convention turns its eyes toward Massachusetts.

Tsongas now releases his votes to the Bay State's senior senator. If the strategy succeeds, that becomes Tsongas's title. Not bad for the 39 year old son of a tailor.

And how does Kennedy feel about all of this? As with most things presidential that concern him, Ted is enigmatic.

We do know that Kennedy has not issued a public response to the Tsongas statement. If the man from Lowell was sending up a test balloon, the skies were clear over Hyannis Port.

Kennedy could, with a word, prevent a Tsongas gambit. The word would be NO. But that is a word that is curiously alien to him of late.

The Tsongas strategy takes on added meaning with the announcement this week that the National

Democratic Committee has capitulated in the dispute over when Massachusetts should hold its primary.

According to by-laws of the National Democratic Committee, all primaries with the exception of New Hampshire's must take place between March 11 and June 11. To forestall a potentially rancorous feud, the National Committee recently gave in to Massachusetts's request for an early primary date of March 4.

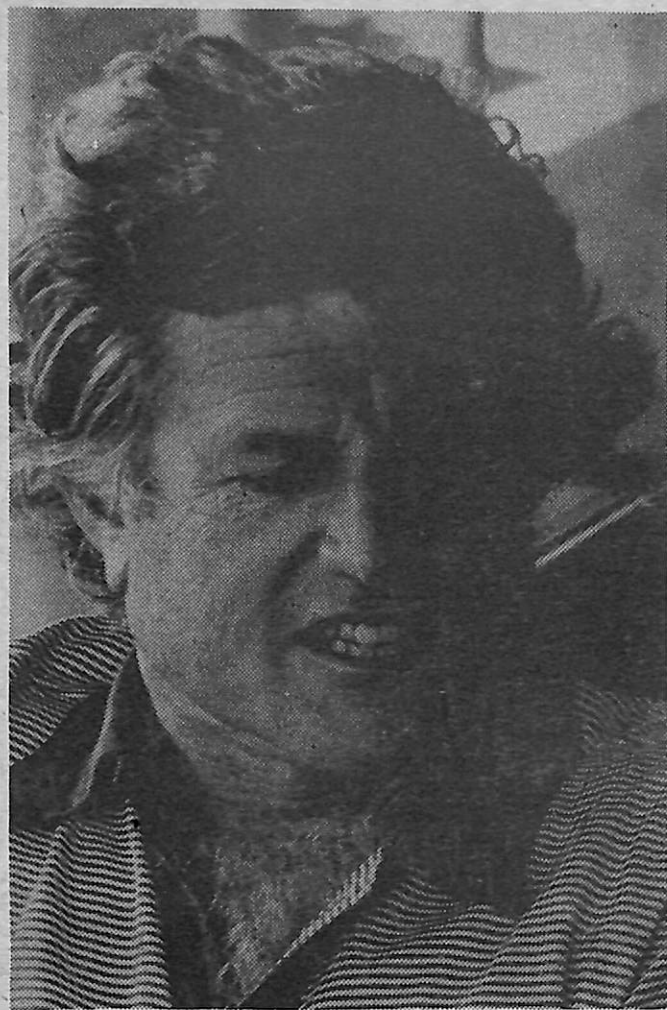
The results were widely viewed as a victory for pro-Kennedy forces in the first of the Carter-Kennedy proxy wars.

Chairman John White and the National Committee had hoped to avoid a situation in which the President might be embarrassed in the early going. But now, that is exactly what might happen. Carter was manhandled here in the 1976 primary by Henry Jackson. A thumping at the hands of Tsongas would hurt him dearly, particularly if he has already been stung in New Hampshire by Jerry Brown.

The Tsongas threat will not be taken lightly, and if Carter surmounts it, it will not be forgotten. It is no coincidence that the country's largest political party is symbolized by an elephant. Politicians have memories like gangland residents.

If Carter is re-elected in 1980, he is not likely to forget the affrontery of Massachusetts. Richard Nixon didn't, as residents of Fall River can attest.

All of which raises questions as to the wisdom of Paul Tsongas, Junior Senator from Massachusetts, taking on the White House so early in his Senate career. By hitching his wagon to a star he admits to being in awe of Ted Kennedy. Tsongas might be abandoning the mission for which he was elected - the advancement of Massachusetts. More on this later.



Ted Kennedy as he appeared recently in Agawam

Camp Rainbow Completes 5th Week

Camp Rainbow, Agawam's day camp for special needs students at Robinson Park School, has completed its fifth week of the summer season, and it was a week filled with a wide variety of activities.

On Monday, July 30th, members of the Agawam Senior Citizens Center participated in a bowling tournament with the campers at Riverdale Lanes in West Springfield. Among the winners in the campers' division were Tim Slamon, Chris Suosbury, and Joe Bigras, who had the highest score of all the campers.

On Tuesday, July 31st, the campers were visitors at the Springfield Science Museum, where they saw an exciting multi-media star show in the Seymour Planetarium and viewed the varied artifact and animal exhibits.

On Wednesday, the Senior Citizens group again joined Camp Rainbow as they all saw a special screening of *International Velvet* at the Sack Palace Theater. It was a very entertaining movie and everyone enjoyed the excuse to eat popcorn so early in the morning.

The campers and staff visited the Forest Park Middletown Zoo on Thursday for a guided tour, petting ring lecture, animal feeding, and train ride.

On Friday, August 3rd, everyone went to the Northfield Mountain Recreation and Environmental Center for a two-hour boatride on the 65-foot *Quinnikut II*. The crew pointed out the historical, ecological, and geological features along the 12-mile cruise on the Connecticut River.

Among the activities planned for the remainder of the camping season are trips to McDonald's, the Alpine Slide, Camp Moses Boy Scout Reservation,

and the Rollaway. Also slated are Olympics Day with a West Springfield camp, an all-camp birthday party, and a last day cook-out for campers, parents and staff.

YMCA Day Camp Expands

Camp Summatime and Camp Little Stream, two Y.M.C.A. day camps in Agawam, are seeking youngsters, ages 3 to 12, to fill their expanded end-of-the-summer camp session. Application for either of the camps which run for two weeks, beginning August 13, are available by calling 739-6951, ext. 253.

Camp Little Stream is a pre-school day camp for 3 to 5 year olds and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost for the two weeks is \$30.00 plus \$7.50 for a Y.M.C.A. Basic Youth Membership.

Camp Summatime is a day camp running from 9 a.m. till 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, for 6 to 12 year

olds. Cost for the two weeks is \$49.50, plus \$7.50 for a Y.M.C.A. Basic Youth Membership.

Both camps are located at the Y.M.C.A. Family Outdoor Center at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Streets in Agawam, and include Y.M.C.A. Progressive Swim Lessons, arts and crafts, nature study and hikes, field trips and many other special features. Both camps are accredited by the American Camping Association and receive United Way support for families that are eligible.

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Action Needed On Shopping Plazas

By Ric Sardella

Just the other night, after enjoying a pleasant meal at J.W. Wimpy's, a startling crunch could be heard while I was backing out of the Walnut Street parking lot.

To my chagrin, I had just rolled over an empty bottle of Miller's that some rude guzzler had consumed, but had quickly forgotten where the trash bin was located. Instead, the bottle was left for some unsuspecting patron's tires to shatter into a million pieces.

A quick glance around the parking lot, the same lot that serves many fine and long-established merchants of the community, I noticed that broken glass and other types of debris was spread around the car park in a helter-skelter manner.

Looking across the way to Joe Coletti's parking area, the same situation held true - shattered bottles and litter sporadically nestled on the pavement.

Approximately 100 yards down the road, the Zayre parking lot appeared the same while the Food Mart lot, although not as glass stained, still displayed evidence of trash.

Feeding Hills Center, the Friendly's-Rocky's-Mall Drug Plaza, the Southgate Plaza showed little difference from the above named areas, and many patrons exhibited great driving skill to avoid shattered glass and other trashy obstacles.

The point for this quicktour of Agawam's retail areas is this: why is the town allowing the sagging conditions that plague local merchants, the same entities that are so important to the town's vitality, to continue?

While the grimy litter bugs perform their dirty habits, Agawam's shopping facilities become an eyesore. When merchants cannot play street cleaner because the trash and bottles are piling up faster than they can clean it, what then? Who is then responsible?

Early this spring, freshman councilor Dennis Roberts forwarded a number of proposals that would attempt to breathe new life into Agawam's economic community. Roberts, like most of us, realizes the importance of cultivating new business and, at the same time, strengthen and assist existing merchants.

Included in Roberts' list of proposals was a measure to aid and abet merchants located in areas that are surrounded by dilapidated conditions. Because the council was deeply involved in producing the '79-80 municipal budget, the Roberts' proposals were placed on the table.

Well, the time has come for action on these very commendable measures sponsored by the young councilor.

Who is responsible? Roberts, indeed, knows that answer.

By Edith LaFrancis

The land on which Riverside is located was in use as farm land as far back as 1658. Just when the first farm house was built is not known. The second house, which in its last days was known as Park View Inn and which stood at the entrance to the park until a few years ago, was built about 1750.

There were several small land grants made along the river in the 1600's. In 1721 John Fowler bought five parcels there for 100 pounds. The first tract, 25 acres, was below Threemile Brook extending from the Connecticut River to the "Country Road." The second tract was originally a Springfield town grant to Luke Hitchcock in 1708 and extended along the river to Sufield bounds. The third was 4 acres of upland being a grant made to John Dorchester in 1678 and near land Dorchester had bought from Samuel Marshfield. The fourth contained 27 acres, being a grant originally made to Dorchester by way of exchange with the Town of Springfield at a town meeting February 3, 1679. The fifth was a tract of 4 acres on a branch of Threemile Brook.

After John Fowler died, it was necessary to sell some of his property to square debts of \$800, and so 54 acres and buildings were offered at public sale March 27, 1834. There were bought by his widow, Susannah Fowler, for \$205.

In 1848 she sold to Ansel Cook the homestead bounded north by land of Henry Worthington and Agawam Manufacturing Company which then owned the factory on Threemile Brook; east by the river; south by Bildad Fowler; and west by the highway.

In a deed recorded March 16, 1858, John Gallup

bought it from Cook for \$3000.

Gallup had been a freighter at Millertown on Hudson River, boating quantities of produce to New York City for the upriver farmers. He came to Agawam in 1857 making his home near the river where small cargo boats could often be seen. In 1870, he opened the grove on the site of the present Riverside Park and built pavilions and a few amusements. That same year, he built the steamboat to which he gave the not very original name of *Mayflower*.

His small business increased so rapidly that after five years he built the larger *River Belle*. *Mayflower* was sold to New York men and towed to Fernandina, Florida, serving as a riverboat for many years.

After completion of the 98-foot *River Belle*, Captain Gallup kept busy all year when the Connecticut River was not frozen over. Besides carrying people to and from the grove and on chartered excursions in summer, he hauled fertilizer and stone in other seasons. Both of his boats were propeller driven and were used for towing barges and carrying cargo when not carrying passengers. *River Belle* was built in 1875 and on the river at the same time as Smith's *Calla*.

In 1881, John Gallup sold the grove and steamboat to Harvey Porter. The boat was registered at the marine district at Middletown by Porter until June, 1884, enrollment being surrendered because the vessel was "broken up and papers lost."

Porter sold Gallup's grove to Henry Smith, who was operating at Calla Shasta but had ideas of expansion. Henry Smith named the site Riverside Park.

When it comes to donating blood it seems everyone wants to get in the act. The "Crazy Bunch," shown here promoting the Blood Mobile, recently found the only act they can get into is their own at Riverside Park. Park employees took time throughout the day recently to donate "their life-gift."



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Yacht Club Based In Agawam

The Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club was organized in 1850 and incorporated in 1884, making it one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country.

The original facilities were located in Springfield, and the present Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club house and docks are located just below the South End Bridge in Agawam. They also have docking facilities at Chester Basin in Chester, Connecticut.

The present club membership was recently increased to 125 to help accommodate the growing interest of sailboat enthusiasts on the Connecticut River. Last year, the club members interested in sailboat racing initiated a racing program including a Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club Connecticut River challenge cup race open to all yacht clubs on the Connecticut River and an open racing competition on Thanksgiving Day known as the "Cranberry Freeze."

This year a sailboat racing committee was formed and sailboat racing has been held each Sunday afternoon. A special sailboat racing program was held in conjunction with Connecticut River Day sponsored by the Watershed Council and another was also held in conjunction with celebrations sponsored on the Fourth of July by the City of Springfield. Trophies were presented to first place winners Jerry Dillon for the Connecticut Day Race and to Andrew Borsari for the Mayors Cup Race.

Mayor Theodore Dimauro presented the Connecticut River Challenge Cup trophy to Dr. Carroll Bryant, Vice Commodore of the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club for their club's racing team which won the race. The

The 1979 racing program will continue each Sunday afternoon until their closing event on Thanksgiving Day, the second annual Cranberry Freeze.

The members of the Springfield Yacht and Canoe Club want to express their thanks to those who do their part in making and keeping the Connecticut River clean enough to use as a beautiful recreational facility.

New Types of Mortgages Now Available

The most common mortgage in use today is the fixed rate mortgage. The interest rate and payment for principle and interest stays the same over the life of the mortgage. Two additional types of mortgages--the Graduated Payment Mortgage (GPM) and the Variable Rate Mortgage (VRM)--are now available.

The GPM's lower initial monthly payment brings homeownership within the reach of many first time homeowners whose incomes may be inadequate to qualify for a fixed payment mortgage. While GPMs are suitable for families who expect steady increases in income, would-be borrowers should be aware of some potential drawbacks. With lower payments at first, less of the original loan principle is paid off during the first several years. As a result, total payments are larger than they would be with a fixed payment mortgage, and equity builds more slowly. Also, purchasers who finance with GPMs run the risk that their incomes could fail to keep pace with increasing monthly payment.

As of July 1, 1979, federally chartered mortgage lenders will be allowed to offer VRMs in addition to the standard fixed rate mortgages and GPMs. VRM interest rates and size of monthly payments may change during the life of the mortgage. Rates will rise or fall with increases or decreases in the cost of funds index published by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board. That index measures the interest paid by insured savings and loan associations on savings and other borrowed funds.

VRMs may be attractive to purchasers who expect to sell their house within a few years. Also, when mortgage interest rates are very high, as they are now, VRMs, unlike fixed rate mortgages, offer the possibility of a lower rate in the future. But, it should be noted, the VRM is a means by which the borrower shares some of the risk with the lender. Generally speaking, borrowers will be less able to assess that risk than lenders. If you

are considering a VRM, ask questions of your lender, and carefully study the alternatives. There are no Federal publications comparing VRMs and other mortgage instruments available at this time, though some are in preparation. One source of information is the January 1979 issue of "Consumer Reports", which can be found in most public libraries.

According to rules issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board, VRM interest rate adjustments (up or down) may not exceed one-half of one percent a year, nor may the total net increase exceed two and one-half percent over the life of the loan. Interest rate adjustments may not be made during the first year of the mortgage nor more than once a year thereafter.

If the interest rate increases (decreases), the borrower has a choice of increased (decreased) monthly payment, or extended (or shortened) loan maturity. That choice is limited by rules which set the maximum term extension at one-third of the original loan term (e.g., a maximum extension of ten years in a typical 30-year mortgage).

Since the VRM is a new instrument about which borrowers know very little, regulations require that several disclosures be made by the lender. They are:

A side-by-side comparison of interest rates and other terms of VRMs and standard mortgages.

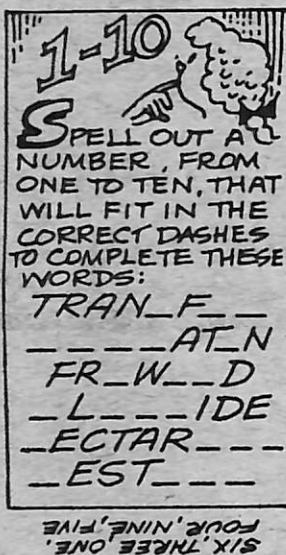
Payment schedules for VRMs and standard mortgages showing:

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Information about the cost of funds index.



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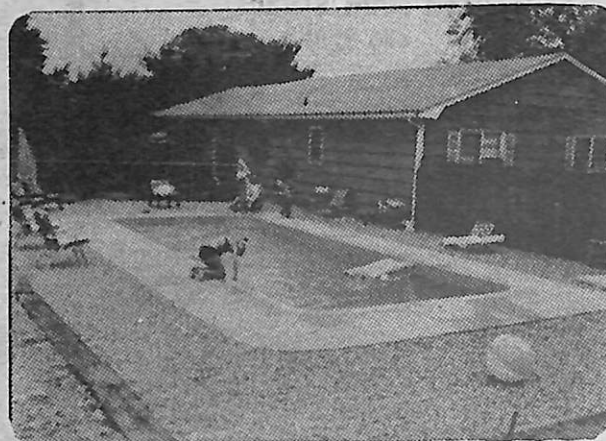
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Carl Nencetti Promoted at BayBank

The Board of Directors of BayBank Valley has promoted Carl A. Nencetti to Auditor, it was announced by Gordon N. Oakes, Jr., President. Nencetti is responsible for directing activities of the bank's Audit Department and coordinating the auditing functions of the bank.

He joined BayBank Valley in April, 1976 as a programmer in the Data Processing Department and was promoted to EDP Auditor in April 1978.

Nencetti is a graduate of the University of Buffalo, N.Y., attended the University of Southern California and graduated from the Computer Processing Institute, Ct.

He is a member of the American Institute of Banking and the EDP Auditor Association. He is an Air Force Reserve Pilot.

Nencetti, his wife Karen and son reside in Ludlow.

Agriculture Industry Highlighted At Big E

The Eastern States Exposition will once again pay tribute to the Agricultural Industry of the Northeast during its 12-day run September 12-23 in West Springfield.

The very popular Farm Festival Stage, presenting daily events of milking, sheep shearing, horse shoeing, and other farm skills, will be featured on the Exposition's court of honor. The Dairy Festival on Wheels, with Dan Hurd as master of ceremonies, will be one of the highlighted attractions.

At the heart of the New England Farm Festival is the Farm-A-Rama Building with its new roof and fresh coat of paint. This 60-year-old building features competitive garden exhibits put together by Future Farmers of America chapters as well as popular farm animals, wildlife, pets, and horticultural exhibits.

Since its inception the Big E has been youth oriented. The FFA regional program at the Big E is considered one of the most significant FFA events involving several states, surpassed only by the National FFA Convention. FFA members from 15 Northeast states participate in 16 educational events in programs of agri-business and natural resource education.

The Big E livestock show continues as the largest in the East. A new event this year is a "sheep to shawl" contest. Each five member team will be judged on the basis of shearing, spinning, weaving, design, and speed. Finished shawls will be auctioned off following the contest and judging. Premium money will be paid to winners by the Exposition.

Throughout the 12 days of the fair, there will be continuous livestock events including lead line, market hog, 4-H beef, market lamb, pulling contests, wool processing, and 15 cattle, sheep, and goat breed shows. This year's featured sheep breed will be Corriedale.

Premium books and entry forms are available from the Livestock Department, Eastern States Exposition, West Springfield, Mass., 01089. Entry forms must be submitted by August 15.

'Canning and Preserving' at Laughing Brook

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden is holding a two session course for adults titled; THE CANNING AND PRESERVING OF GARDEN CROPS. The course will be held on two Saturdays, August 25 and September 1 at 10 a.m.

Participants will get a thorough introduction to the principles and techniques of freezing and canning fruits and vegetables. Hampden Town Moderator, Dalton Philpott, is the instructor. His first session deals with equipment, processes, and the principles of spoilage.

The second session will be a working demonstration of the process of putting up fruits and vegetables. Participants may bring their own garden crops to can or preserve themselves.

THE CANNING AND PRESERVING OF GARDEN CROPS is open to the public and reservations are required. For more information call Laughing Brook at 566-3571.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Trying to grow roses in our northern section of the country can be a disappointing undertaking. Some types of roses are more hardy here than others, but there is more to keeping a rose bush beautiful year after year. We need to be aware of the origin of many of our rose plants. Most of them came from southern China, where they are able to grow throughout most of the year. This trait has carried over into our modern rose bushes. I'll give you the good news first. This is what allows us to enjoy rose blossoms almost all summer instead of only in June. The bad news is that this trait makes the bushes resist dormancy in the fall. They want to keep growing and do so until stopped by freezing weather. The tender growth produced late in the fall suffers greatly when subzero temperatures arrive.

There are some things we can do to offset this desire in rose bushes for self-destruction. The first thing is to stop feeding the plants after the middle of August. This will reduce the desire for the plants to produce excess new growth after that time. The second is to avoid fall pruning, as this will encourage new growth that will be killed by cold weather. Allow the rose flowers to mature into rose hips or seed pods. This seed-making process can satisfy the plants urge to keep growing and will slow down growth in the fall. As November arrives, begin to take measures to protect the roots of your plants with a mulch. Also, a wrap of some sort around the bush itself can cut down on winter dehydration and protect the plant from direct cold and icy winds. Remember though, you must remove any deep mulch and wrapping early in the spring before new growth begins. Choosing the most hardy types can also make the joy of growing roses larger. Some of the 'old roses' are the most hardy and a few of our newest hybrids are bred for extra winter strength.

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Philip John Shuman (P.J. for short) waters tomatoes in his garden recently. P.J. is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Shuman of Arbor Lane, Agawam. photo by Jack Devine



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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

Beg, buy, borrow, or steal a copy of August's *National Geographic* and read the article entitled "Mysteries of Bird Migration" by Assistant Editor Allan C. Fisher Jr. In this article, Mr. Fisher brings us up to date on discoveries and experimentation into the whys and hows of bird migration.

Banding has been and remains one of the most useful tools to ornithologists plotting the courses of seasonal migrations. It was believed even into the 1800's that many birds hibernated and that accounted for their winter absence. In reality, only the poorwill is known to hibernate, and all others that are missing through the cold months have headed south.

Why birds migrate is one question to which Mr. Fisher addresses himself with some interesting theories. He considers different reasons and offers food for thought if not concrete answers. But even more interesting is the information he supplies on how they migrate.

How do these tiny creatures find their ways over hundreds of miles, often to winter in the exact same locale as the previous year? What initiates their flight and how do they manage to find the strength and endurance to complete the journey? Scientists have been delving into the areas with increasing fervor over the last 20 or 30 years, and through sophisticated experiments, are coming up with some interesting ideas.

As has long been assumed, scientists are confirming that birds use the sun as a navigational tool and that they have a very precise sense of time. It has also been discovered that some birds use star patterns to get their bearings and react differently to spring and winter constellations. Many are considering the possibility that birds somehow use the earth's magnetic field as well as gravity to orient themselves.

Another time-honored theory that is being confirmed is that birds use landmarks as guides. North America, over which a vast number of birds migrate, has a topography which lends itself to easy recognition. Large mountain ranges and rivers running north to south make easy paths to follow as do both sea coasts. Yet a first-season bird would not have these "memories" to be guided by and still it makes it to its wintering quarters.

Perhaps the most interesting bit of research has been done with the pigeon. It has been discovered that these birds can see ultra-violet and polarized light and can hear very low frequency sounds. The ramifications are boundless when one considers the sensory input available to these creatures.

Mr. Fisher's article is well worth reading, and while he does not come up with any astounding "answers," he does open up new areas of thought. Hopefully, it is a portent of further knowledge to come from the ornithological camp.

Oil Tax Credit Bill Introduced

Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas) and Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.) have introduced legislation which would provide tax credits for residential use of home heating oil.

The bill, introduced on August 2, calls for a tax credit up to a maximum of \$250 applied to the increased price of home heating oil to the customer.

The credit would be retroactive to January 1, 1979, and thus would provide relief to home heating oil users for the coming fall and winter months.

The credit would be "phased down" for those whose incomes are in excess of \$20,000.

"Dramatic increases in energy prices are pushing the cost of residential heating and utility bills to unacceptable levels," Sen. Dole said. "The impact is particularly severe on those dependent on home heating oil. The cost of this product, which used in 22 percent of all American residences, will go up in price by 40 to 50 cents per gallon this year. Despite efforts to conserve energy and improve the energy efficiency of their homes, people will be hard-pressed to meet the higher costs," he continued.

Dole, who is ranking Republican member of the Senate, stated, "The average user of home heating oil will have to pay an additional \$600 just to keep warm this winter. For middle income people, the elderly, the disadvantaged and the poor, this will prove to be a terrible burden. What Sen. Ribicoff and I propose is that this government not turn its back on those who will be hardest hit by the whims of OPEC."

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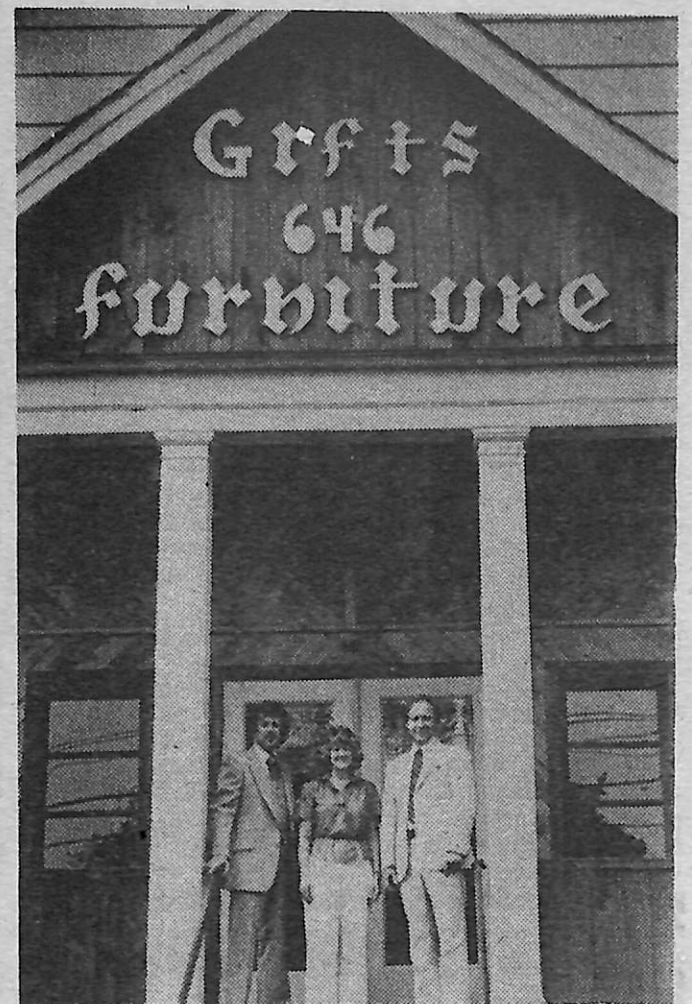
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Sports

Sacred Heart Brewers 9-10 League Champs

The Sacred Heart 9-10 Baseball League recently concluded another successful season with its final championship series between the American League champs of Scott Massoia's Yankees and the National League champs of Don Felix's Brewers. The Brewers prevailed in two straight games to wrest the championship from the defending champion Yankees.

The first game saw the Brewers pull out the win 9-8 behind some effective pitching by Ricky Gordon and Paul Fetherston and some clutch hitting by Barry Felix, Paul Fetherston, and Rick Rogers.

The Yankees had their share of glory, too, with a stellar performance at bat by Todd Brown, who accomplished the rare feat of hitting the ball "out of the park" for a three-run homer. Ken Berard, Tim Bryant, and Pete Veccharelli played well both in the field and at bat.



The Sacred Heart Brewers, the 9-10 champs, are pictured above. Front row, left to right: Mike Landry, Barry Felix, and Danny Felix. Second Row, same order: Peter Shannon, Jeff Petersson, Jeff Smith and Chris Sanchez. Third row: Paul Fetherston, Richard Rodgers, Phil Collins, Jim Frasco, and Ricky Gordon. In back is manager Don Felix.

Sacred Heart Suburban Undergoes Defeat

A three-game winning streak of the Sacred Heart 14-16 suburban league team was broken at Shea's Field last week when the Holyoke Allies came down to give the Sacred Heart Crusaders a 8-6 defeat. Ken Peck pitched a hard game in defeat.

On Wednesday night, August 1, Sacred Heart played their arch-rival Sarat Ford and edged them by a score of 3-2. The game was a pitcher's duel between John Calabrese and Buddy Breton. Mike Wagner's bat was a big factor toward victory for the Crusaders with two RBI's. Ralph Albano collected a triple, and Brian Fogg made a game-saving catch.

There are two games left for Sacred Heart, and both will make the difference in a playoff spot for them.

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The second game saw the Brewers jump out in front again in the first inning and hang on to take a 10-5 decision and the right to wear the championship crown.

Once again the excellent pitching of Ricky Gordon (13 strikeouts) and some timely hitting by Paul Fetherston, Barry and Danny Felix, Jeff Peterson, and the whole team's pulling together assured the Brewers their championship.

Outstanding performances by the Yankees were turned in by Ken Berard, Tim Bryant, Pete Veccharelli, B.J. Massoia, Greg Quink, and Tom King in a losing cause.

It was a fine, even league this year with six out of eight teams battling for a playoff spot right down to the last week of regular play. All managers and coaches are to be commended for the fine work that was done in teaching these young boys the fundamentals of baseball and fair play.

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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



My first recollection of Doc Pisano goes back over a 50-year span. A group of us kids were playing duck the rock when somebody yelled, "Here comes Doc." It was haircut time in the latter part of June. Doc would set up shop on one of the front porches and every kid in the neighborhood would line up for their turn. Haircuts were a quarter in those days.

Later on, Doc set up in a shop at O'Brien's Corner and the kids trotted to his door. Doc's shop was a classroom on the outdoors and two hours spent there was not only a real pleasure, but also very educational. You could be in the chair when an excited angler would come bursting through the door with a small insect in a napkin. He'd show it to Doc and relate how the trout were feeding on it and they would take no other bait. Doc would turn to the customer and say, "You aren't in a hurry, are you? I'll only be a few minutes." He would sit down at his fly tying desk and make a very close imitation of the insect.

Doc made fishing poles, arrows, and tied bow strings. He related to the kids and took great pleasure in showing them how to make the various equipment. The shop was also the funnel for every fishing tale or hunting adventure to take place in Western Mass. Many an exasperated mother asked her youngster, "Where were you all morning?" The reply would be, "I was down at Doc's."

Doc shot the bow and arrow when Yew bows were the fad. He participated in the National Archery Tournaments when they were held annually at Springfield College. So it was only natural that when the Agawam Bowmen Club Inc. was founded in 1954, he was elected as the first president of the organization.

Doc and I became very close friends and enjoyed many hours together. He suggested that we create ten exciting and difficult shots with the bow and offer our show at no cost to organizations. It would accomplish two things - free entertainment and education of the public about the bow and arrow.

The demonstrations went over big and we put on over 200 shows in the next two years. The boy scouts were our first love and Doc enjoyed the many hours spent with them, especially the days at the boy scout encampment at Russell Pond. We would hold classes on the making of arrows and bow strings, give lessons on shooting the bow and then finish up by putting on the shooting demonstration. Doc was a good sportsman. He gave more than he took. Doc and his shop, in my opinion, was an institution in the Town of Agawam for 45 years.

The man was fabulous. He had the misfortune to lose both of his kidneys and had to spend six hours at a time twice a week on the dialysis machine. He rolled with the trauma that faced him and accepted it as a matter of survival. It didn't deter him from enjoying his fishing and hunting in between trips on the machine. To pass the time while on the machine, he tied hundreds of flies. At home, he made fishing poles, repaired them and would still knock out a bow string for those that wanted one.

Doc was known all over New England. His personality caused people to take to him immediately and they did not ever forget him. I would bump into hunters in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont who would ask me if I knew Doc when they found out that I was from Agawam. Then they would proceed to describe their meeting with him.

He was always helping somebody. A Maine resident told about meeting Doc in the woods. In their conversation a water pump that was broken down was mentioned. Doc took time off from hunting the next day, looked up the hunter, and repaired his pump for him.

Ralph "Doc" Pisano passed away August 1, 1979, at the age of 69. He left his mark on this earth and will be remembered by people of all walks of life. He was a true sportsman, a gentleman and a very fine example of courage for those in our society who are afflicted with kidney problems. I considered it a privilege to have known Doc and to have enjoyed life with him these past fifty years.

Men's Softball Standings

A DIVISION

Dante Club	22-2
Gino's Package	17-6
Village Lounge	16-8
Bucc's	16-8
Showcase	16-8
Italian Sporting	13-11
Buccaneer Lounge	12-12
Gove Realty	10-13

B AMERICAN

Agawam A's	19-7
Silver Carriage	18-8
GARY's Auto	15-11
Marchegian Club	14-12
Agawam Moose	12-14
Elbow Lounge	8-18
Jessica's Lounge	7-19
Village Lounge	6-20
Buccaneer Lounge	2-24
Joseph Liquors	2-24

B NATIONAL

Valley Knife	22-4
Agawam Turners	21-6
Spartan Saw	19-8
Service Master	15-12
Broadleaf Auto	14-13
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Women's Softball Standings

The following are the standings for the women's teams as of Friday, August 3rd.

A DIVISION

Buccaneer	18-1
Spfld. Turnverein	17-2
Polish Club	12-7
Village Lounge	9-10
Italian Sptg. Club	7-11-1
Elbow Lounge	5-14
Ciro's	5-14

B DIVISION

Southwth Paper	16-3
Jessica's	10-9
Wimpy's	9-10
Snap on Tools	8-10-1
Bad news Bears	8-11
Purple Onion	7-12
Kelley's	1-18

PLAYOFF STANDINGS

A DIVISION

1. Buccaneer
2. Polish Club
3. Springfield Turnverein
4. Village Lounge

B DIVISION

1. Jessica's
2. Snap on Tools
3. Southworth Paper Co.
4. Wimpy's



The Agawam A.A. girls championship softball team is pictured above. Front row, left to right: LeeAnn Sandlin, Michelle Early, Kelley Slamon, Pam Morganti, Jill Johnson, and Coach Jerry Mason. Second row, same order: Coach Bill O'Brien, Diane Ouelette, Renee Dalton, Iran Conroy, and Sue Ellen Goehlert. Third row: Maria Kozloski, Linda Desmaris, Lina Kozloski, Jennifer O'Brien and Coach Bob Slamon. The team was entered in the Ludlow 13-15 Softball Fast Pitch League. They compiled a 10-2 record for the regular season and were tied for the league championship at the end of the season.

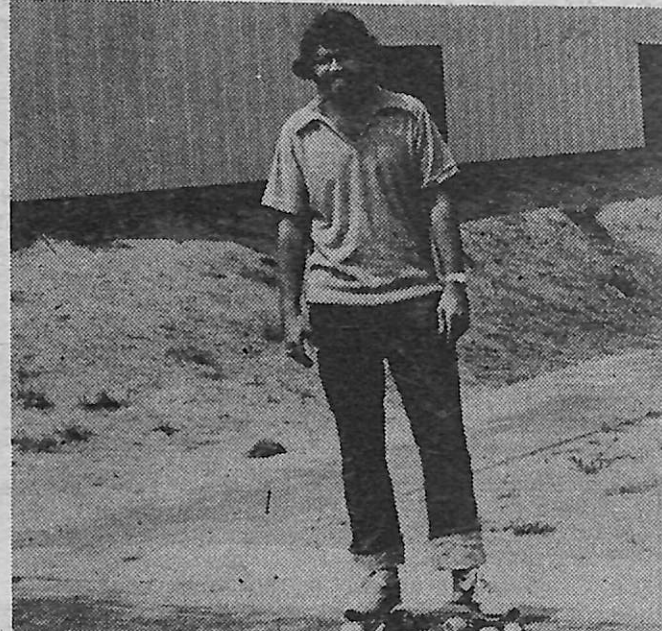
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David Mailo

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Thurman Munson: Tragedy for the Boys of Summer

by Thomas G. White

Remember when you were a kid and you spent your summers playing run-the-bases on the front lawn? The days were long and lazy; your biggest worry was keeping your rubber ball from rolling in to the sewer.

Your glove was well-oiled and your dungarees wore a patch of green about the knees. The legs that filled them promised to propel you forever. Worn sneakers were the insignia of your gift of speed.

You could play all day, and frequently did. A game of catch, a pick-up game at the park, fly balls into the moonlight; these things were as dependable as the pennant race itself.

Before time washed your dreams with acid, you began to sense that everything would not always be so right. Into every life rides the chariot of time, and into every neighborhood, a boy on a bicycle, the intrepid intruder to challenge you and your friends on the block to a game.

He was pudgy and pugnacious. His bicycle had baseball cards on the spokes and his arrival resembled the descent of a Navy helicopter.

He was from a different neighborhood and he spoke with rough hewn words. His pants had holes at the knee and his shirt spoke of all the lick-a-maid he had had during the past week. He spit and he swore. He was honest and cocky.

His challenge was uttered with a derisive snarl. "You guys up for playing a real game of baseball?"

You hated him, so you played.

He was good; you learned the hard way that he had a right to be so cocky. He hit the ball in every direction and harder than you thought a boy your age could. He was the first guy you ever saw slide on the pavement. He was safe, and while he was playing, you weren't. He took his position behind the plate and nothing went by him.

After a while you began to like the way he played, admire it even. No, you never were quite up to liking him. He wouldn't let you.

Oh, it wasn't him alone. He had good team mates to play with. They were all very different; each in his own way a star. But the heat at the core of the stars, the fire that made them burn so brilliantly, was that tough pudgy kid. He seemed to have no heart himself, and yet, he was the heart of his team.

You were playing grounders on the day he died. Two outs in the seventh when a kid you knew only slightly came running down the street with the news. You'd never seen him run so fast. His shirt was flung open, his sneakers untied, his face bright red from crying.

You left your glove on the front lawn that afternoon. Still two outs in the seventh. The rain that night was the beginning of the mildew that never quite left your glove. While the evening sky poured rain, you poured grief on your pillow.

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Tri-County Baseball

By Rich Willis

The Westfield-Agawam Cardinals, sporting a fine record in one-run ballgames this season, saw that domination turn around last week as the Cardinals lost four one-run games. The four losses dropped the Cardinals' record to 17-14 and prompted co-manager Don Irzyk to look ahead saying, "I feel we need two more wins out of our last five games to assure us a spot in the playoffs."

Westfield-Agawam lost a tough 2-1 decision to Central Chevrolet, picking up only three hits. The Cardinals held a 1-0 lead into the fifth thanks to a run-producing basehit by Joe Seckler that scored Lou Conte in the first inning. Central charged back, getting both their runs in the fifth and making it hold for the victory.

The loss to Central was followed by two home matches against the Trico Venders. Westfield-Agawam fell by one run in each contest, 5-4 and 3-2. Trico jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first game before a basehit by Lou Conte and a sacrifice by Rick Mastroianni tied the game. Dave Barnard's single rescued Dave Stefano with the Cardinals' fourth run in the sixth inning, but the Venders scored twice in that same inning, handing pitcher Don Irzyk and the Cardinals the loss.

A pair of runs in the first inning with RBI's from Rick Mastroianni and Dave Stefano staked the Cardinals to a 2-0 lead in game two versus Trico. Westfield-Agawam was unable to break through the scoring column again despite a double and a triple by Alex Massel and watched as the Venders chipped away for single runs in the second, third, and sixth innings. Paul Grammarosa pitched well for the Cardinals, losing 3-2.

Cardinal bats remained quiet in a second 2-1 loss to Central Chevrolet at Blunt Park. Butch Lemagdelane yielded single runs in the first and second innings then found his rhythm, holding Central scoreless the rest of the game. The Cardinals could only muster one run of support, though, as Joe Seckler and Mark Guindon hooked up for a pair of long doubles in the fourth inning.

Westfield-Agawam took themselves out of a possible scoring opportunity in the sixth inning when, with men on first and second base and no outs, Alex Massel was unable to bunt the runners ahead. Lou Conte was then thrown out trying to steal third base. Coach Don Irzyk lamented following the four game losing streak, "Unearned runs have hurt us; walks have killed us; we're doing it to ourselves."

The Cardinals look to turn things around on Monday, August 13, versus East Longmeadow Leasing at Municipal Field in Westfield at 5:45 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 15, versus Oliver Auto Body at Veterans Field in East Longmeadow at 5:45 p.m.

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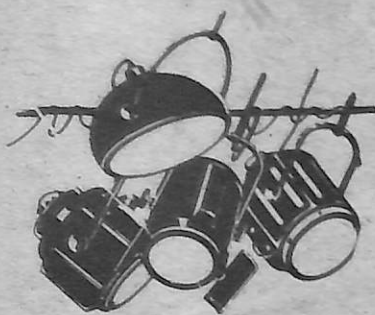
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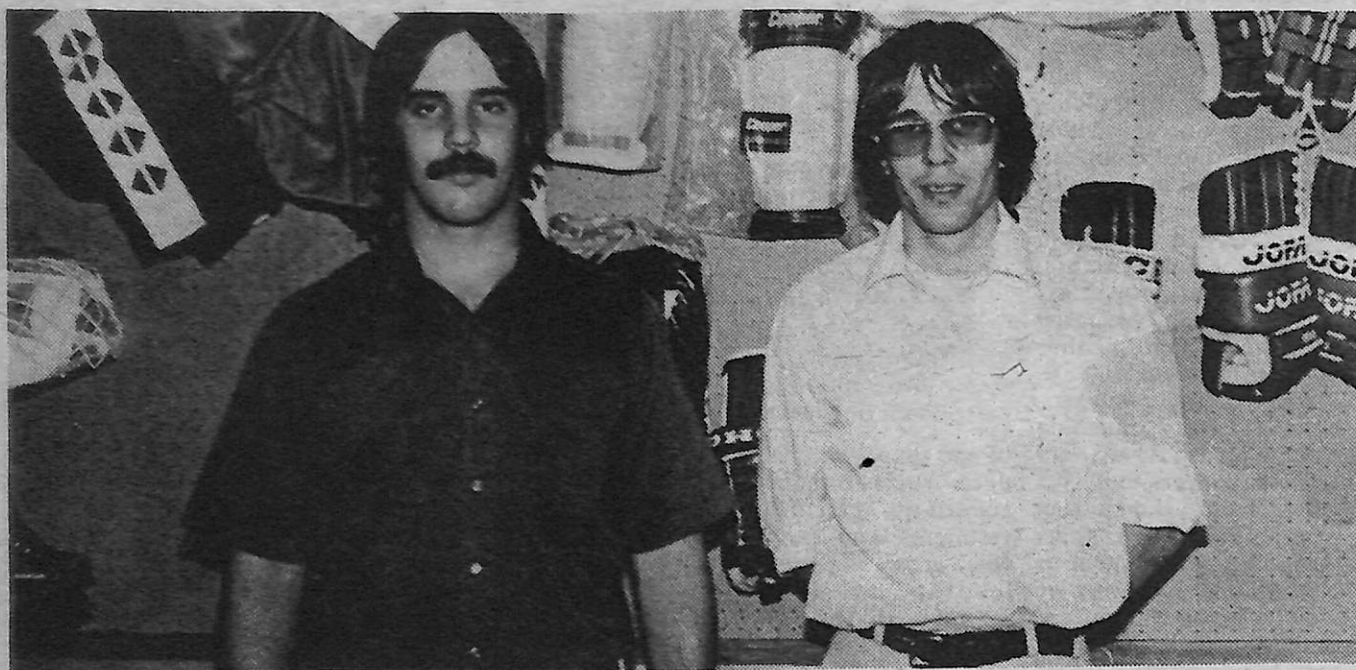
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TAX-AX Petition Underway

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON. "Our taxpayers need more money in their pockets. The economy in Massachusetts is stagnant and needs more dollars for purchasing, saving and investing in the private sector," said Rep. William G. Robinson (R-Melrose), explaining why he is mounting an initiative petition drive this fall for an income tax cut pro-

posal.

The income tax cut plan was defeated this June in the House of Representatives by a vote of 125 to 31 --30 Republicans, including Rep. Edward Connelly of Agawam, and one Democrat supported the plan. "TAX-AX, the name of the initiative petition drive, will prove to Democrats in the Legislature that cutting taxes is paramount to stimulating the

economy," Robinson said.

He continued, "the plan will permanently return \$318 million to the pockets of our taxpayers. Depending on an individual's income and tax factor, each taxpayer will save between seven and sixty percent--and perhaps more--of what he or she is scheduled to pay on 1979 income.

The proposal would repeal the 7½ percent surtax, reducing withholding deductions on July 1, 1980 and will apply to all income received in 1980 and thereafter.

A variety of changes in the income tax laws will benefit almost every taxpayer through increased exemptions and other forms of tax relief.

"Every taxpayer will get - or rather keep - something from the plan. At the very least, taxpayers will get relief from the surtax repeal. Everyone admits that state government is bloated. The only way we are ever going to reduce it is to restrict its revenue, put it on a low dollar diet," stated Robinson.

Families and the elderly get additional relief through the increased exemptions. More low income taxpayers are freed from income tax burdens.

Investors at all levels are encouraged to increase their investments in Massachusetts. The elderly and others living on fixed incomes from investments and savings get relief from the high tax on investment income.

Leaving this additional \$318 million in the pockets

of the taxpayers will produce several beneficial economic effects. Investments and purchases will grow, create jobs leading to increase revenues to the state in response to this economic stimulus.

Rep. Robinson will file his initiative petition with the Attorney General's office on August 1, 1979. "On September 5, we will hit the streets with the petition sheets to get the 62,000 registered voters' signatures we need by December 5 in order to introduce the petition in the House of Representatives for the 1980 session. If the legislature fails to pass the proposal, we will collect the additional signatures to place the question on the 1980 ballot," Robinson concluded.

Alco Equipment Delivers New Trucks



Pictured above is one of 119 new trailers currently being delivered by a local firm - Alco Equipment, Inc. - to Springfield Sugar & Products Co., Suffield, Conn. the order includes both dry freight and refrigerated trailers designed for use distributing Sweet Life food products throughout New England.

Alco Equipment, founded in 1958, moved to its Central Street, Agawam, location in 1961. Facilities, enlarged several times, include 18,000 square feet of parts, service and office space, plus yard storage for up to 90 tractor-trailers. Alco employs 35 people locally.

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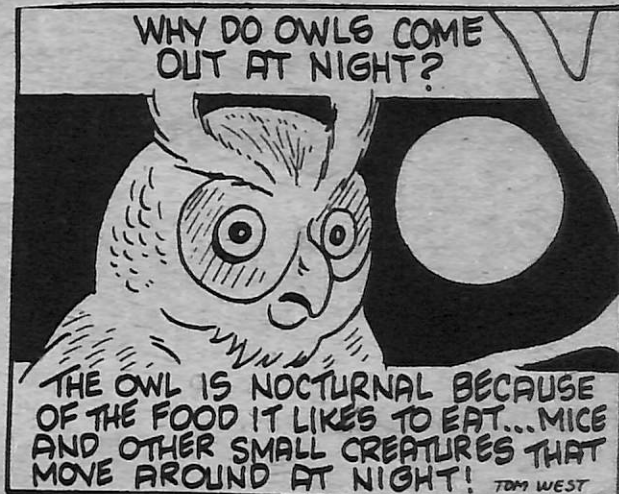
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Grants Approved By BayBank Valley

Charitable grants totalling \$280,879 for community services have been approved by the Board of Directors of BayBank Valley Trust Company, it was announced by Allan A. Campbell, senior vice president and trust officer. These funds represent income from three bank-managed charitable trust funds - the Nan and Matilda Heydt Fund, the Eugene A. Dexter Fund, and the Valley Charitable Trust Fund. Distributors from the Dexter Fund totalled \$220,001. The Heydt Fund disbursed \$45,982 and \$14,896 was awarded from the Valley Charitable Trust Fund.

Springfield College received a \$75,000 grant from the Dexter Fund, payable over a period of two years toward the construction of a new physical education complex. The new complex will house faculty and staff offices for the division of health, physical education, and recreation, as well as a major exhibition gymnasium which will accommodate public events. When not in use for that purpose, this arena will provide simultaneous teaching stations in support of the college's academic programs, the new facility will also contain handball courts, wrestling area, a weight training room, showers and locker rooms. The complex will replace the Memorial Field House which was condemned on May 10, 1979.

Other grants from the Dexter Fund include: \$3,250 to Springfield Girls Club Family Center, Inc. as a matching grant for a new well and reservoir tank system at Camp Mishnoah. \$7,078 to Pine Point Community Council, Inc. as a matching grant for the operation of a community center.

Grants awarded from the Heydt Fund and the Valley Charitable Trust Fund include: \$10,000 to the Clarke School for the Deaf toward completion of faculty apartments at Rogers Hall; \$18,732 to Children's Language Institute Inc. for the construction of observation booths in each of four classrooms and construction of two soundproof therapy rooms; \$17,250 to the United Cerebral Palsy of Western Mass., Inc. to underwrite the salary and fringe benefits of a developmental disabilities coordinator; \$14,000 to Westfield Area Mental Health and Retardation Association Inc. to provide the local contribution under Title XX to enable establishment of a comprehensive emergency services program for children and their families in the Greater Springfield area; \$896 to Holyoke-Chicopee Area Mental Health

Center Inc. for the purchase of a telephone-compatible tele-typewriter to be used in providing mental health services to deaf and hearing-impaired persons.

BayBank Valley's trust department administers the charitable funds and income generated from the funds is distributed three times each year by its board of directors to worthy non-profit organizations in the Greater Springfield area. Applications for grants from the charitable funds are first reviewed by the Community Funds Advisory Committee, a volunteer group of citizens with an interest in the community.

Public charities interested in applying for grants from BayBank Valley's charitable funds are encouraged to contact the offices of the Community Funds Advisory Committee, 1618 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01103.



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